

**Application for Funding Assistance through  
TMIP (Peer Review Program)**

**REGIONAL COUNCIL ATTACHMENT #3.1.4**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2003**

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**TO:** Administration Committee and Regional Council

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**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Apply for Funding Assistance through the TMIP Peer Review Program

**DATE:** May 1, 2003

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize staff to apply for funding assistance through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Travel Model Improvement Program's (TMIP) Peer Review Program in the amount of \$10,575 to be used to cover the expense of an outside Model Peer Review Panel.

**BACKGROUND:**

LACMTA, OCTA, CALTRANS, SCRRA, SANBAG, RCTC, and SCAG are engaged in an on-going cooperative effort to improve and upgrade the Regional Transportation Demand Model. The Regional Transportation Model Improvement Program is jointly funded through SCAG Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds and substantial contributions from the other participating agencies. Peer reviews by outside modeling experts are an important aspect of the Regional Transportation Model Improvement Program.

The purpose of the Peer Review is to ensure that SCAG's modeling tools meet our planning needs, are consistent with standards of professional modeling practice, and satisfy Federal, state, and local planning requirements. FHWA has recently initiated a program to cover the direct expenses of Model Peer Review Panel members. TMIP provides funding for travel, lodging, and per diem for a site visit(s) of peer review panel members. SCAG's staff costs to manage the project are budgeted in the 2003-2004 Overall Work Program (OWP)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

FHWA provides funding for travel, lodging, and per diem for a site visit(s) of peer review panel members. SCAG's staff costs to manage the project are budgeted in the 2003-2004 Overall Work Program (OWP).

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